LOCAL SUBJECTS.

SHIMOGA DISTRICT.

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SUBJECT No. 214.

Opening of telegraph offices at Shikarpur, Shiralkoppa, Honnali, Nyamti and Sorab.

Messrs. K. Basalingaiah, Honnali Taluk; Virupaiah, Nyamti Municipality; Andani Channappa, Honnali Municipality; Nadig Lakshmana Rao, Nadig Bhaskara Rao and Basaveswara Shivaji Wodeyar, Sorab Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—Shikarpur, Shiralkoppa, Honnali, Nyamti and Sorab are populous municipal towns and are growing in importance day by day, both in trade and other respects. The question of opening telegraph offices in all these towns is being urged for a very long time without any favourable result. It is prayed that early action may be taken in the matter.

First Member of Council.—A recommendation has already been made for the opening of telegraph offices at Honnali and Shikarpur.

The members, however, urged that the other places were also equally important.

Dewan.—The subject is under correspondence with the telegraph authorities, and telegraph offices in all these towns will be opened gradually in the order of their importance.

SUBJECT No. 215.

Abolition of the railway cess in the Shimoga district.

Messrs. Srinivasa Dikshit, Shimoga District Board; Nadig Lakshmana Rao, Nadig Bhaskara Rao and Basaveswara Shivaji Wodeyar, Sorab Taluk.

Mr. Srinivasa Dikshit.—Though in former days there was no railway cess, many places were connected with railway. Railway facilities have not been created in this district in spite of the levy of a railway cess. As the amount realised by the levy of this cess may not go far in substantially adding to the fund required to run a railway, it may be discontinued. Raiyats feel it very difficult to pay the cess in these hard days.

Dewan.—Let the District Board pass a resolution to this effect and send it to Government. Then its abolition will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 216.

Shimoga-Arasalu railway.

Messrs. B. N. Raghavaiah, Shimoga Municipality; Esuff Khan, Kumsi Sub-Taluk and P. Venkappaiah, Shimoga Taluk.

Messrs. Esuff Khan and Venkappaiah.—It is prayed that the work of the Shimoga-Arasalu railway may again be taken up on hand and pushed through to completion soon, both in the interests of the malnad and for the conservation of the work already done.

First Member of Council.—The construction of the line was stopped for want of funds and as soon as the financial condition improves, it will be taken up.

SUBJECT No. 217.

Through carriages from Shimoga to Mysore.

Messrs. Kori Halappa, Nagar Sabha; B. Rukmiah, B. N. Raghaviah, Shimoga Municipality; Srinivasa Dikshit, Shimoga District Board; Nadig Lakshmana Rao, Nadig Bhaskara Rao, Sorab Taluk; A. Ananthaiah, C. Subba Rao, P. Venkappaiah, Shimoga Taluk and A. Narasimhaiengar, Sagar Town Municipality.

Summary of Representation.—Passengers travelling from Shimoga to Bangalore and Mysore are experiencing great difficulty at Birur and Arsikere for want of a through carriage. In the interests of the travelling public, early arrangements may be made to run through carriages to Bangalore and Mysore.

Note.—Discussed with General Subject No. 177.